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Dear WVNCC Student – We hope this finds you well!

West Virginia Northern received approximately \$3,302,356 distributed through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III. This was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021. Funds from the HEERF III has been received in two disbursements. \$1,719,711 of the funds will be distributed in emergency grants for students to help cover expenses related to any component of a student's cost of attendance or emergency costs that arose due to the coronavirus, such as: tuition; food, housing; health care (including mental); or child care. The remaining portion is designated for direct institutional use.

HEERF III funds are designed to place priority on need-based students, such as those who qualify to receive Federal Pell grants. Eligible students include degree-seeking, nondegree, noncredit, and continuing education students, as well as students who are simultaneously enrolled in high school and college (Early Entrance).

Northern plans to use the following formula-based distribution to disburse the HEERF III aid to eligible students.

You do not need to apply for these funds. If you qualify they will automatically be disbursed through BankMobile.

Refund amounts will vary from student to student. Students will receive:

- A. Pell eligible students received an automatic \$500 award.
- B. Early Enrollment (EE) Students received a flat \$50 award.
- C. The following tiers were applied based on credit hours attempted:
  - 1-5 (less than half-time) = \$225
  - 6-8 (half time) = \$250
  - 9-11 (three quarter time) = \$275
  - 12-15 (full-time state hours) = \$300
  - 16-35 (full time plus) = \$325

Students should receive their CARES Funding from WVNCC the first week of December.

Additionally, credit hours were comprised of hours attempted by students enrolled during the Spring 2021, Summer 2021 and Fall 2021.

Questions about the emergency grants can be directed to:

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*This information is based on the latest guidance available from the Department of Education and may not be the final update to how the government requires colleges to distribute the funds.*